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Please Note: New vendors and subcontractors must supply all of the required paperwork (Solicitation Mailing List Application, SF-129, Appendix I, Financial Statement, and 3 Reference Letters) prior to bid opening (September 24, 2002) or your company may be considered non-responsible.

FV-214

Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Date Issued: September 16, 2002

Fresh Vegetables, Announcement FV-214, Invitation 022.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell fresh vegetables as indicated below and per the Announcement for use in needy family, child nutrition, and other domestic food assistance programs. Offers are due by 1 p.m., Central Time, **Tuesday, September 24, 2002**. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, **Friday, September 27, 2002**. Deliveries are to be made from November 4, 2002, to March 12, 2003.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

Fresh sweet potatoes 40 pound 5,000 cases
Grade: U.S. No. 1
Washed
Destination Inspection Required

Bids may be submitted electronically via the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) on the Internet. Offerors are encouraged to submit bids electronically. Offeror must be assigned a Logon ID by USDA to access the site. The Internet address is: <http://pcsd.usda.gov/debes> which translates into a connection of <https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe>. Once connected, follow the online procedures. A 'HELP' button provides detailed instructions for using the system or call 202-720-4517 for assistance.

Bidders are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver in accordance with the contract. Inquiries about Announcement FV-214 Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Fresh Vegetables dated October 1999, or this Invitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0239, PO Box 96456, Washington, DC 20090-6456, telephone (202) 720-4517. An electronic version of this invitation can be obtained through the world wide web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp>.

Purchases will be made on a delivered basis, subject to Announcement FV-214, to the listed locations. Delivery by trucks or railcars is optional to the contractor, except for those destination(s) which specify delivery by truck only or rail only.

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ANNOUNCEMENT : FV214
 INVITATION : 022
 COMM GROUP : 38 VEGETABLES, FRESH
 COMM TYPE : 70 SWEET POTATOES, FRESH
 PACK SIZE : 40 40 LB CARTON

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)
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DELIVERY PERIOD 11/04/02 - 11/06/02

001	WINTER HAVEN	FL		1,000	
002	PINE BLUFF	AR	TRUCK ONLY	1,000	

DELIVERY PERIOD 12/02/02 - 12/04/02

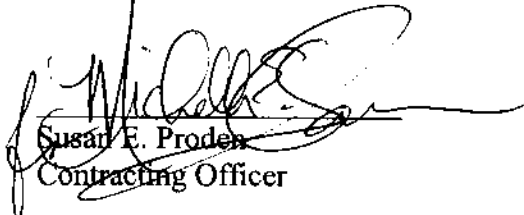
003	PINE BLUFF	AR	TRUCK ONLY	1,000	
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DELIVERY PERIOD 03/10/03 - 03/12/03

004	EAST BERNSTADT	KY	TRUCK ONLY	750	
	OWENSBORO	KY	TRUCK ONLY	250	
005	FAIRFIELD	OH	TRUCK ONLY	286	
	LEXINGTON	KY	TRUCK ONLY	714	

TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE 5,000

TOTAL QUANTITY FOR INVITATION 5,000


 Susan E. Proden
 Contracting Officer

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